

DECLARATION

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As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled APPARATUS FOR MANIPULATING the specification of which:
LANDSCAPING AND OTHER SIMILAR MATERIALS
X is attached hereto.

_____ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____.

_____ was filed on _____ as PCT International Application No. _____.

_____ was amended on _____.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Priority Claimed

(Number)	(Country)	(Month/day/year filed)	Yes	No
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I claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)
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I claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119(e) of any United States Provisional application(s) listed below:

(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)
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All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Inventor's Signature _____

Date

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Date

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Citizenship

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Additional inventor(s) identified on attached sheet ___ Yes ___ No

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Paul A. Lindberg, an individual residing at 2587 Wickersham Road, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, appoints Warner Norcross & Judd LLP, Intellectual Property Practice Group, 900 Fifth Third Center, 111 Lyon Street, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503-2487, telephone number (616) 752-2000, and the following individual attorneys and agents at such address, as its attorney(s) or agent(s) with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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Paul A. Lindberg states that he is the owner of the entire right, title, and interest in the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled APPARATUS FOR MANIPULATING LANDSCAPING AND OTHER SIMILAR MATERIALS, the specification of which:

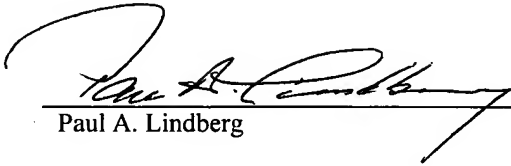
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